

BOROUGH OF Tenafly Newsletter

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THE DPW HAS A NEW DIRECTOR AT THE HELM

Robert J. Culvert is not new to the responsibilities of running a Department of Public Works. Bob brings many years of experience as a former superintendent of both the Oradell and Montvale DPWs.

To ensure a smooth transition, Bob Culvert started to shadow former DPW director, Bob Beutel as of November 25, 2013. Mr. Beutel retired on December 31, 2013. Bob Culvert commenced his independent supervision of the Tenafly DPW on January 1, 2014. The Borough's Selection Committee thoroughly searched to find the best candidate for the position. According to the Mayor, "this is one of the most important positions in our structure". Jewel Thompson-Chin, Borough Administrator, is assured that, "with Bob's extensive knowledge of Bergen County and the surrounding communities, he is a excellent fit for the borough."



Bob graduated from River Dell High School in 1980. He attended Bergen Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science Ornamental Horticulture. In November 1995, he received his certification as a Public Works Manager from Rutgers University.

Bob was the former Chief of the Oradell Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a former board member for the Montvale Swim Club. Bob is married to his wife, Judy and they have 3 children. The family resides in Montvale, NJ.

Bob has managerial experience with all types of infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects; and related services such as Loss Prevention, Clean Communities, Recycling, and Emergency Management programs. He has monitored inventory and purchasing, formulated annual fiscal budgets, and negotiated union contracts. Bob is also familiar with operating during severe weather events and has coordinated the evacuation of flood prone areas. On an administrative level, he has hired, supervised, scheduled, and evaluated personnel. With his 20 years of professional experience, he feels confident that he can perform the duties required to fulfill the needs of the residents of Tenafly.

In getting acclimated to his new position as Director of the Department of Public Works, Bob has set several goals. With Tenafly already recognized with Bronze Certification as an environmentally conscious community, he would like to concentrate on achieving Silver Status in Sustainable Jersey for 2014.

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From the Desk of the Mayor...

On Election Day, November 4, 2014, your Mayor and Council have agreed to place a question on the ballot in Tenaflly as a referendum regarding the Tenaflly Nature Center's proposal to build a new educational facility on East Clinton Avenue. Both the Nature Center and a group that opposes the planned location of the facility have agreed to allow Tenaflly voters to decide whether or not to move forward with this project at the designated site. Both sides agree that only by putting this question to a vote can we obtain a true sense of how the community feels about relocating the Tenaflly Nature Center headquarters to a location off of East Clinton Avenue.

A committee is in the process of being formed that will craft the interpretive statement for this referendum. The committee will be made up of representatives of both the Nature Center and objectors to the project, along with members of the general community. In order for the referendum to go forward, the committee must agree on the wording of an interpretive statement that will appear on the ballot. The purpose of the statement is to explain to voters exactly what they are being asked to decide in language that is concise and factual. The statement will be free of opinion and bias. It will be the responsibility of both groups to inform the public as to the reasons why they believe the project should be built or not be built.

Going forth, I wish to remind everyone that there is no discussion on the possibility of building a new center on Hudson Avenue. The Board of Directors of the Nature Center has not offered that location as an alternative to East Clinton Avenue. Although opponents of the East Clinton Avenue location have suggested building on Hudson Avenue, up to this point, there has been no evidence of any group willing to finance and build a new center at the top of Hudson Avenue.

Peter S. Rustin, Mayor

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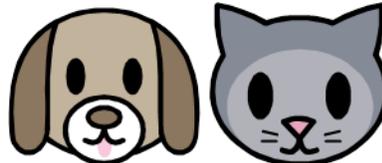
Applying practices that lead to cost savings in the various areas of energy and water conservation, along with solid waste removal and recycling, this will only help to improve efficiency in the Borough's local economy.

He will also be involved with the design of the new public works building by implementing a program of 'Green Building' guidelines. 'Green Building' is intended to encourage water and resource conservation, reduce waste generated by construction projects, increase energy efficiency in buildings, provide durable buildings that are efficient and economical to own and operate and promote the health and productivity of workers, visitors and residents to the Borough of Tenaflly.

Bob Culvert is committed to maintaining the high quality of community services currently provided to the residents of Tenaflly, and keeping the Borough a clean, "green" and safe town to live in.

DOG AND CAT LICENSE INFORMATION
ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR
FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!

The Borough Clerk’s department is busily processing licenses for all cats and dogs seven months of age and older. If you have a previously registered pet, license renewal forms were mailed by January 10th for renewal in January 2014 which is required under Borough Code 5-2.1.



NEW this year is the availability to register your pet (s) on-line by clicking <https://secure.ezcitizenservices.com/prodecitizensvcs/login.aspx> on the Borough’s website. For a nominal convenience fee of \$1.95, residents can expediently complete the registration form on-line, scan a copy of the rabies vaccination form, pay by credit card and receive your pet’s tags in the mail.

Applications can also be mailed with the required documentation including a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of your pet’s tags.

Remember that a separate form must be completed for each pet.

License Fees:

DOG: \$18.00 Spayed or Neutered (Proof Required)
 \$21.00 Unspayed or Unneutered

CAT: \$12.00 Spayed or Neutered (Proof Required)
 \$15.00 Unspayed or Unneutered

According to a state directive, a license cannot be issued if the rabies vaccination expires before October 31st of the licensing year. The following veterinarians offer a three-year rabies shot for dogs/cats that have had a prior rabies vaccination. This program is free for Tenaflly residents only.

- Tenaflly Veterinary Center, 130 County Road, Tenaflly (201-567-7878)**
- Cresskill Animal Hospital, 39 Spring Street, Cresskill (201-568-7700)**
- Bergen Veterinary Hospital, 1680 Teaneck Road, Teaneck (201-837-3470)**

If your pet is not registered by March 1st, a summons (\$59.00) will be issued for having an unlicensed pet and a late fee (\$10.00) will also be charged for each unlicensed pet.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET HEARING DATES

The Mayor and Borough Council will convene in the Wilson Committee Room:

Saturday, February 8, 2014 (9 AM—1 PM)

Saturday, February 15, 2014 (9AM—1 PM)

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 (7 PM—10 PM)

NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN DURING THESE MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL
DIRECTORY

POLICE, FIRE
AMBULANCE
EMERGENCIES
9-1-1

Police Department
Non-Emergency
201-568-5100

Borough Hall
100 Riveredge Road

Main	201-568-6100
Mayor	Ext. 5535
Administrator	Ext. 5502
Assessor	Ext. 5531
Clerk’s Office	Ext. 5544
Property Code	Ext. 5506
Construction	Ext. 5505
Fire Prevention	Ext. 5566
Health Office	Ext. 5511
Library Main Desk	Ext 5579
Planning Board	Ext. 5501
Recreation	Ext. 5515
Tax Office	Ext. 5533
Violation Bureau	Ext. 5540
Zoning Board	Ext. 5454

Public Works
107 Grove Street
201-568-4134

Recycling Center
153 Grove Street
201-541-7325

Senior Citizens Center
20 South Summit Street
201-569-2159

Youth Center
100 Riveredge Road
201-567-7579

Recreation Office
100 Riveredge Road
201-871-3008

MEET YOUR NEW BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILMAN MAX BASCH

My family and I have lived in Tenafly for 14 years and have two children, both graduates of the Tenafly school system. The reason we moved to Tenafly was to give our children the best education and the culturally enriched life that Tenafly offers.

I am an Electrical Engineer by training, with an MS in Computer Science. I have worked as a Director with Verizon for the last 24 years. I have been active in the community as a coach for soccer, basketball, and baseball. For six years, I served on the Tenafly Board of Adjustment and Downtown Revitalization Committee.

As a son of Holocaust survivors, I believe that serving the community is a duty. I am a member of the Board of Directors of a Tenafly charity "Comedy Cures", which improves the lives of children with cancer. Moreover the spirit of giving is inspired in other members of my family, including my son, Jasper a previous volunteer of the Tenafly Ambulance Corps.

My philosophy is very simple, "Do whatever is best for the "Borough of Tenafly" without regard to special interests, lobbyists, politicians or any other group or person who wants to advance their special causes to the detriment of the town. I am known for speaking my mind and standing clearly for the entire town of Tenafly.

COUNCILMAN DANIEL PARK

I have lived in Tenafly for the last 23 years. I went to Stillman, Tenafly Middle and High schools; and I graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy.

While I was attending college, I taught high school level math and science to underprivileged students in the City of Newark, showing them the importance of higher education. I helped several students raise their grades and test scores, getting them accepted to various colleges. I continue to tutor and help students in Tenafly whenever possible.

I currently work with Bergen County Freeholder Tracy Zur, where I attend board and committee meetings, such as the Environmental Council, Economic Development Committee, and Health Committee. I use my knowledge to advise and assist the Freeholder on issues to improve efficiency and quality of programs. I can utilize my knowledge and experience from county government to help improve Tenafly.

I look forward to working hard, to being your Councilman, and working with the community to keep Tenafly special. Please feel free to contact me with any issues or questions at:

dparkbh@tenafly.net

TAX OFFICE INFORMATION



2014 TAX RATE

At this time the 2014 tax rate has not been struck. The municipal, county and school district budgets must be adopted before the tax rate can be determined. The 2013 tax rate was \$2.332 for every \$100.00 of assessed property value.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

The Tax Collector has been informed by numerous residents that they are under the impression that they must send or bring in their tax bill with their payment; that the Tax Collector requires this. Your tax bill IS NOT REQUIRED to make a payment. All we absolutely require is cash or check and something indicating the property address or block and lots for which you are providing payment. The Tax Collector's preferred method of payment is by check with the payment coupon attached to the tax bill included with the check. We do not provide additional receipts; when you pay by check your cancelled check is your receipt. If you require a receipt you must provide your tax bill at the time of payment. If you mail your payment in and require a receipt you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for us to return the receipt to you. Don't forget, you may also pay your taxes online! From the Home Page at tenaflynj.org> Important Links> Pay Your Taxes Online.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT

The following information was taken from the State of New Jersey website on January 9, 2014:

Changes to the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze)

Current Year (2012) Property Tax Reimbursement. Under the terms of the State Budget for FY 2014, only those applicants whose income for 2011 did not exceed \$80,000 and whose income for 2012 did not exceed \$70,000 (the original limit was \$82,880) will be eligible to receive reimbursements for 2012 provided they met all the other program requirements. Residents whose 2012 income was over \$70,000 but not over \$82,880 will not receive reimbursements for 2012, even if they met all the other program requirements. The Division of Taxation will send notices to these applicants advising them that they are not eligible to receive reimbursement payments for 2012. However, by filing an application by the due date these residents can establish their eligibility for benefits in future years and ensure that they will be mailed an application for 2013.

Note: The format of the 2012 property tax reimbursement application has changed. Applicants must complete the entire application and sign on the last page. Read all instructions carefully. The method of reporting pension and retirement benefits (including IRA and annuity income) for property tax reimbursement purposes has changed as a result of a recent court decision.

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program are subject to change by the State Budget. You may call 1-800-882-6597 for more information.

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

Throughout the year Tenafly residents and property owners make payments to the Borough for pet licenses, building permits, recreation programs, property taxes, and fees for other borough services. Please provide your mailing address associated with your checking account when issuing checks to the Borough if that information is not already printed on your checks.

Payments cannot be processed without this information. If your check is returned to the Borough for any reason, we will need your address to contact you as privacy laws prevent banks from releasing customer information. In addition, please do not issue postdated checks to the Borough as we are required by law to deposit all funds within 48 hours of receipt and should not accept postdated checks. Your check to the Borough should be dated on the day the check is written.

Exhibits

Edna Kawulitzki Gallery

January/February
Tenafly Artists
Flora & David Perskie

March/April
Judith Brice

May/June
Tenafly Art and Artists Remembered
Curated by Alice Rigney

Library Hours

Monday 10-9
Tuesday 10-9
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 10-9
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-5
Sunday 12-4

Closed Sundays
In June, July, August

Holiday Closings

President's Day
Monday, February 17

Good Friday
Friday, April 18

Easter
Sunday, April 20

Memorial Day
Saturday, May 24
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26

Independence Day
Friday, July 4
Saturday, July 5

Labor Day
Saturday, August 30
Sunday, August 31
Monday, September 1

Columbus Day
Monday, October 13

Visit us on the web:
tenafly.bccls.org
www.tenaflynj.org
Phone:
201-568-8680



TENAFLY ART and ARTISTS REMEMBERED
Art Exhibit curated by ALICE RIGNEY

Alice Rigney will present an art exhibit celebrating Tenafly's art heritage, remembering the artists whose works distinguished them nationally and at home; the artists who visited to paint Tenafly's fields and meadows in the late 1800s; the sculptors who created enduring works for Tenafly; and the men responsible for acquiring these treasured monuments for our community.

Exhibit opening presented by the FRIENDS OF THE TENAFLY LIBRARY.
Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit presentation by Alice Rigney with music and light refreshments.
Tickets sales begin Saturday March 15th at the Library Circulation Desk.
\$20.00 per person. Proceeds benefit the *Friends of the Tenafly Library*.

HOMEGROWN STRING BAND

Sunday, March 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

Inspired by rural string bands of the early 20th century, this traditional family band utilizes unique instrumentation to bring their own stamp on a repertoire from the classics of rural American music. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Tenafly Library*.

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO SPRING DE-CLUTTERING

Thursday, March 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ready to tackle that spring cleaning checklist but not sure where to begin? Join author and organizing expert **JAMIE NOVAK** when she reveals all her insider tips and tricks to get the job done in half the time.

MOZART AT THE MOVIES

Thursday, April 3 @ 1:00 p.m.

Catherine Sprague will highlight well-known movies in which Mozart's music is featured. Movie clips are followed by the story behind the music. A pianist with musical training from Mount Holyoke College and Indiana University, Sprague has lectured extensively on classical music and is the author of a forthcoming book on Mozart to be published in 2014.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Sunday, April 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

Friends of the Tenafly Library present a concert by classical violinist **David Poldes**.

THURSDAY TEEN TIME @ the Tenafly Public Library for teens in grades 6 & up

February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 & June 12 @ 3:30 p.m.
Crafts, activities, discussion & community service opportunities.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

BABY BOOKWORM for ages 6-24 months - Wednesday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
February 12 February 26

TODDLER TIME for ages 2-4 years with caregiver - Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m.
January 28 February 4 February 11 February 18 February 25

FAMILY STORY TIME for all ages - Monday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.
January 27 February 3 February 10 February 24

WILD & CRAFTY TALES for 4-8 years with **Bergen County Zoological Park**
Tues., February 18 @ 11:00 & 11:30 a.m. - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** for either time.





313 Hudson Ave., Tenaflly
201-568-6093
tenafllynaturecenter.org



Maple Sugaring

February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16

Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 8, March 8, April 12

Little Naturalists

February 4, 11, 25
March 4, 11, 25

Afternoon Explorers

February 5, 12, 26
March 5, 12

Seasonal Day Camps

Week-long programs for kids
Pre-K—8th Grade

Presidents Week Camp

February 17-21

Spring Break Camp

April 14-18

Summer Day Camp

June, July & August



Tenaflly Nature Center is an independent, non-profit, member-supported nature preserve. Our mission is to protect almost 400 wooded acres and all of its inhabitants, and to teach future generations to do the same.

Trails are open 365 days a year

TNC will honor Congressman Bill Pascrell at March 30th Fundraiser

The Tenaflly Nature Center will honor Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr., long-time champion for New Jersey environmental causes, at their 11th Annual Dinner on March 30 at The Clinton Inn. Two broadcast media professionals who are also Tenaflly residents—ABC Eyewitness News Anchor Lori Stokes and NBC News Reporter Jen Maxfield—will join in the festivities. Ms. Stokes will participate as Honorary Chair and Ms. Maxfield will be the Emcee. TNC’s main fundraising event will include cocktails, dinner, an auction and live music.

Congressman Pascrell will receive TNC’s highest honor, the Founder’s Award for Conservation in recognition of his work to safeguard New Jersey’s coastline from offshore drilling; ensuring a clean Passaic River and leading the effort to designate Paterson Great Falls as a National Park.

TNC Volunteers Will Be Recognized

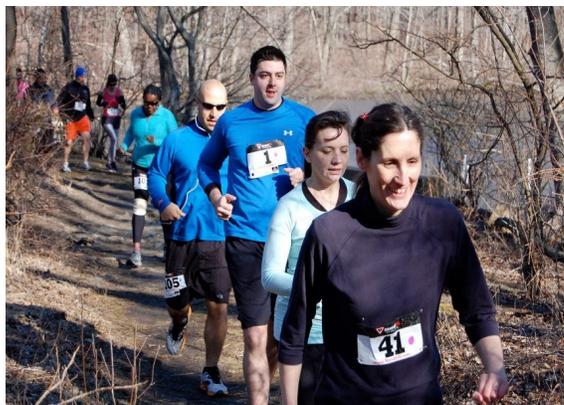
TNC will also honor Mary Beth and Alan Wilmit as Volunteers of the Year for their extraordinary support of TNC, including chairing TNC’s annual dinner for many years. All of these remarkable individuals’ dedication and hard work embody the vision that inspired TNC’s founders 53 years ago.

“We congratulate Congressman Pascrell for spearheading environmental initiatives both locally and nationally and for recognizing the importance of open space preservation,” noted TNC President Anthony Martin. Previous Founder’s Award recipients have included Senator Frank Lautenberg, philanthropist Charles Klatskin, community leaders Bruce Baker and Gus Allen, Alpine’s Mayor Paul Tomasko and Tenaflly’s Mayor Peter Rustin.

More than 200 are expected to attend this popular annual event, which has sold out for the last three years. Tickets (\$125 per person), sponsorship opportunities and placements in the commemorative ad journal are available for purchase. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or place an ad, visit our website tenafllynaturecenter.org/Annual-Dinner. For more information, please email ncazeau@tenafllynaturecenter.org or call 201-568-6093.

Proceeds Will Support TNC’s Mission

Proceeds from the event will support Tenaflly Nature Center’s mission of open space preservation and environmental education. TNC reaches 23,000 participants each year through 1,100 community programs, on and off site.



**TNC’s
4th Annual
Lost Brook
Trail Race
Saturday, April 5
9:00—11:00 am**

Tenaflly Recycling Center
153 Grove Street
201-568-4134



HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday through Monday – 7:45 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday – Closed
Wednesday and Thursday – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY CLOSURES
& GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Monday, February 17, 2014 President’s Day
Friday, April 18, 2014 Good Friday
Monday, May 26, 2014 Memorial Day
There is no garbage collection on Memorial Day.
Collections missed on this day will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

RECYCLING CENTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, February 17, 2014 President’s Day
Sunday, April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday
Monday, May 26, 2012 Memorial Day

How Do I Obtain a Blue Recycling Container?

Tenaflly residents may obtain a blue plastic recycling container at the Tenaflly Recycling/Convenience Center located at 153 Grove Street. Stop by the Recycling Center and you will receive a free container.

How Do I Obtain a Recycling Center Decal?

Tenaflly residents may obtain a TRCC decal by first visiting the DPW office located at 107 Grove Street, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm to obtain an application. The decal is then applied to the resident’s vehicle at the Recycling Convenience Center. There is no charge for this decal.

BERGEN COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS COLLECTION



Saturday, March 8 & July 19, 2014
Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Blvd.
Moonachie, NJ

Sunday, April 6, June 22, & October 19, 2014
Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ

Saturday, May 17, September 6, & November 1, 2014
Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road
Mahwah, NJ

All collection sites open rain or shine, at 9:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.

How to Disposal of Bulky Items, Furniture, Appliances

Tenaflly residents may arrange with the Borough's garbage contractor to have curb-side pickup of certain bulky waste, furniture and household appliances by appointment. Residents must make arrangements and pay the contractor directly for the service. Residents then bring the item or items to the curb for collection. Residents may call the contractor at 201-567-3100 to schedule a date for the collection and disposal of: refrigerators, freezers, clothes dryers or washers, televisions, toilet fixtures, sofas, upholstered chairs, hot water heaters, stoves or ovens, window air conditioners, mattresses or box springs. Removal of Freon from refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners is the responsibility of residents. However, if you were to take this to the Recycling Center, it is not necessary to remove the Freon.

Tenaflly residents may dispose of these items at no cost by delivering them to the Recycling Convenience Center. Residents must have a permit or decal issued by the Borough to use this facility. Refer to "How do I obtain a Recycling Center Decal?" on page 8.



SPRING GRASS COLLECTION

DPW Grass Collection begins Monday, April 14, 2014



Grass and leaves ONLY must be placed curbside the night before pick up in 20 gallon reusable containers with lids or in bio-degradable paper bags.

Grass is picked up on Monday on the west side of town and on Tuesdays on the east side of town.

GRASS CLIPPINGS PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

SAFE WINTER DRIVING INFORMATION



With winter in full swing, the Police Department would like to provide residents with some safe winter driving information and remind them of the Borough's snow removal regulations:

- Never operate your vehicle prior to the windshield being defrosted and clear for viewing. If you decide to warm your vehicle up prior to driving it, make sure to lock it up while it is unattended.
- Remember to remove all snow from your vehicle prior to operating it. Not only do you run the risk of receiving a summons for failing to do so, but more importantly, the blowing or falling snow from your vehicle can limit your visibility, and the visibility of other drivers travelling near you.
- Drive to the conditions! In most cases, that means driving under the speed limit during a snow storm or on a snow/ice covered roadway. In many of the automobile crashes that we investigate during poor weather conditions, excessive speed is one of the most common contributing factors to the crash.
- Four Wheel Drive / All Wheel Drive systems allow vehicles to travel through the snow and ice, but the systems don't do much to improve the braking of the vehicle. Some drivers of these vehicles have a false sense of security and are often seen travelling at speeds that are excessive and unsafe.
- For information and tips on what you should do when your vehicle is skidding, go to the AAA website and select "How to go in Ice and Snow".
- Increase your normal following distance and focus your attention further down the roadway to afford yourself more time to slow down or stop.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING DURING WINTER STORMS



While the police department may grant permission for overnight parking on a Borough street from time to time for special circumstances, it is never granted when the forecast calls for winter precipitation (i.e. snow, sleet, freezing rain, etc.). The no-exception denial of permission is done to allow the DPW to properly clear and treat the roads. Consider asking a neighbor that has space in their driveway to park your vehicle for the evening.



SNOW REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

TENAFLY BOROUGH CODE

12-3 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, WEEDS AND GRASS

12-3.1 Responsibilities of Owner or Tenant **

- a. The owner, tenant or tenants of lands abutting or bordering upon sidewalks shall remove all snow and ice from the same within twelve (12) hours of daylight after the same shall have ceased to fall or be formed thereon.
- e. No owner, tenant, or tenants of any land or premises abutting on any public street shall throw, place or deposit any snow or ice onto or upon such street in the Borough except as falls upon or is formed upon that portion of the property so abutting the street lying within the sidewalk lines thereof. All other persons are similarly prohibited from throwing, casting, placing or depositing snow and ice that has accumulated on private property upon the sidewalks or streets of the Borough.

** To see the full Code and rules for snow removal in the business district, go to “Tenaflly Borough Code” listed under the Code Red/Important Links section on Tenaflly Borough website homepage. This is also a good opportunity to register for Code Red notifications from the Borough for community information .

BURGLARIES



The Borough unfortunately has experienced a rash of burglaries over the last couple of months. The department provided tips and information on how to protect your home and make it less attractive to a burglar in a previous newsletter and in the anti-theft presentations that the department provided at the Tenaflly Community Night event. For a list of these tips and other helpful information, go to the Police Department section of the Tenaflly Borough website. While the department works extremely hard to protect you and your property from this type of activity, the information that we receive from your observations has proven to be extremely valuable in the past. No one knows the normal activity and familiar faces around your home and neighborhood better than you. Surprisingly every year, we receive reports from residents of suspicious activity, hours or even days after the observations are made. In some of these cases, the suspicious activity was a crime in progress, but the delay in reporting the information prevented us from responding and making a potential arrest. Time is of the essence. If you see something that you believe is suspicious, odd, or you're just not sure, call the department and report the activity immediately. The least that can happen is that we respond and determine everything is okay.

OVERVIEW OF NEW BOROUGH ORDINANCES

BUSINESS FRIENDLY ZONING CHANGES



The Mayor and Council approved **Ordinance No. 13-21** on the recommendations of the Planning Board to amend Chapter 35 of the “Land Development Regulations” on October 22, 2013. The ordinance is amended by adding the definitions of “Restaurant, Fast-Food”, “Storage, Storing” and “Medical Office” to Chapter 35-201. The ordinance also revises Chapter 35-604, the “Technical Review Escrow Deposits for Site Plan Waiver from \$1,000 to \$600. No change was made to the \$100 Fee Deposit for the Site Plan Waiver. In addition, a third paragraph was inserted for Converting a Work Session to Public Meeting. This new insertion mandates that the applicant shall pay a fee of five hundred (\$500) dollars as a condition of granting a request to convert a Work Session to a Public Meeting in order for the Planning Board to hear an application for development.

NEW LIGHTNING SAFETY POLICY

Ordinance No. 13-25 was approved by Mayor and Council on November 12, 2013 to create a new Section 21-5 under Chapter 21 entitled “Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Areas”. This new section will establish the Borough’s procedure for the temporary closing of parks and recreational facilities in the event of imminent lightning risks. All activities, whether or not organized, taking place on public recreation or other public areas or any Board of Education area shall be covered by the Lightning Safety Policy of the Borough of Tenafly.



- ◆ If a lightning risk warning occurs, all activities within such park or recreational facility shall immediately cease until the lightning warning system provides the all-clear sound.
- ◆ All umpires, coaches, referees, coordinators or adults in charge of an organized activity shall be responsible to ensure that his or her group follows the Lightning Safety Policy. Members of the public using the parks and fields on an individual, unorganized basis are also individually subject to same safety policy.
- ◆ Any person found guilty of violating this article shall be subject to a penalty consisting of a fine or imprisonment, or both, subject to the discretion of the Judge, the maximum of which shall be the maximum fine not to exceed \$1,000 or term of imprisonment permitted to be imposed by the court.

FOR LIGHTNING REMEMBER: SEE IT—HEAR IT—CLEAR IT

SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES



The Mayor and Council approved **Ordinance No. 13-26** on November 12, 2013. The research and findings prove that smoking of tobacco products is a cause of cardiovascular disease in non-smokers and that breathing environmental tobacco smoke is a significant health hazard for children, the elderly, and individuals with cardiovascular disease, impaired respiratory function, and asthma.

This ordinance will prohibit smoking in every room, chamber, lobby, hallway, restroom, plaza, entrance or exit and other common areas in and upon any public building. Areas also included are public property, such as parks, recreation areas, playgrounds, and swimming pools.

“No Smoking” signs will be clearly and conspicuously posted by the owner, operator, manager, employer or such other person in control of every public building in the Borough.

This Ordinance will be strictly enforced. Any person found guilty of smoking in a prohibited area will be subject to a maximum fine of \$200 along with a disorderly persons offense.

The complete text of these new Ordinances is available on the Borough Website at www.tenaflynj.org. Click on Tenafly Borough Code > Revised General Ordinances.



POOPER SCOOPER LAW REMINDER

Tenafly residents who are the owners or keepers of our four-legged friends, please be reminded that our Pooper Scooper Law, Section 5-8 & Section 5-9 as stated in the Borough Code will be strictly enforced.

Section 5-8 states that all pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

Enforcement will be by the Police Department, the Board of Health, and the Code Enforcement Officer. As stated in **Section 5-9**, the owner, harbinger or keeper of such dog or cat, and such owner, harbinger or keeper shall be guilty of this violation and subject to fines.

It is imperative that the proper disposal of pet solid waste is necessary so as to protect public health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors to the Borough of Tenafly. For a more comprehensive explanation of these codes, please visit the Borough Website.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN!

TSC - Leisure and Learning for Individuals 55 and Over

The Senior Center offers 30 different programs each week including:

- ◆ Art Classes: Watercolor and Chinese Brush Painting
- ◆ Language classes: Intermediate Italian lessons
- ◆ Discussion Groups and Movies
- ◆ Speakers and Monthly Luncheons
- ◆ Dance Classes: Line, Tap, Ballroom and Folk
- ◆ Card Games: Bridge, Canasta, Bingo, Mahjong
- ◆ Exercise classes: Body and Brain, Stretch & Tone, Zumba Gold, Osteoporosis, Tai Chi, Qi Gong and Chair Yoga

Highlighted Events and Special Classes for February through April

Please call the Center for details – (201) 569-2159

Memoir Group – The memoir Group is now open to new members. Led by Lucile Lichtblau, Playwright, this small group meets the first Monday of each a month. Everyone has a story and this is an opportunity to write and then read your story in a supportive atmosphere. Class size is limited.

Computer Training – The Tenafly Student Organization will be offering a series of computer and/or iphone classes at the Middle School in March. This will be one-to-one instruction addressing the needs of individual seniors interested in computer assistance. Call the Senior Center to register for this intergenerational event.

Intermediate Italian With Giovanna - New session starts in February offering an opportunity to read, listen, and learn Italian in a lively setting. Those with a knowledge of Italian are welcome.

February 6 – Chinese New Year Luncheon with a special presentation on the Harbin Ice Festival in China by Judy Manton, adjunct professor of cross-cultural studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

February 13 – Staging Your Home For Sale In Three Easy Steps and Tips to Navigate The Real Estate Process – by Archondia Condos Dulot

February 18 – Fashion for the Rest of Us - Sandra Wallis Bulcroft, a Personal Fashion Counselor, will speak about upcoming fashion and color trends and give tips on creating a wardrobe by building on what you already own and how to choose colors that flatter the color of your skin tone and hair.

February 20 and 27 – AARP Safe Driving Program – This two half-day event is designed to help you feel safer behind the wheel while qualifying for a discount on your car insurance.

February 25 – Understanding Long Term Care Insurance –Erol Kececi from AXA will cover funding long term care services, tax aspects of this insurance, and how to evaluate features of different long term care insurance benefit packages.

March 4 - Veterans Benefits – Richard Daul, Director of Veterans Services, will speak on benefits available to veterans and their spouses as well as the different veterans groups in the area.

March 11 - Medicare Savings Program For Seniors with Limited Income – Presentation by Miriam Taub, Bergen County State Health Insurance Program Counselor

March 12 – Sleep Issues by Dr. Jeffery Salizzoni, Consultant at the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Center for Sleep Disorders and Director of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine for Aspen Medical Associates

March 13 – St. Patrick's Day Luncheon with entertainment from the McLoughlin School of Irish Dance

Senior Center Calendar—Continued on Back Page

TENAFLY RECREATION IS OFFERING:**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION-HEARTSAVER/AED CERTIFICATION**

Participants will receive CPR training as well as learn how to use an Automated Defibrillator Device. You will learn the proper way to deal with choking in an infant, child and adult. This course is perfect for young babysitters, nannies, parents and coaches. The course will give you the training needed to calmly address an emergency situation and possibly **-SAVE A LIFE!** The class is being held one night only on Monday, February 3, 2014 6:00-10:00 pm in the McCandless Room at Borough Hall, the cost of the class is \$85.00 which includes a 2 year certification card. Registration is required. For more information call the Recreation Office at 201-871-3008.

TENAFLY RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp 2014 will be held at the Tenaflly Middle School June 24-August 1, 9:00 am-3:00 pm rain or shine for all kids entering grades K-6. Registration for all Tenaflly/Alpine residents will be held in person on Thursday, April 3rd in the McCandless Room at Borough Hall 6:00-8:00 pm. Registration will be open online at www.register.communitypass.net starting Friday, April 4 at 8:30 am and will close on Monday, April 7 at 8:30 am **OR WHEN THE STATE LIMIT IS REACHED!**

For more information check the Borough Website at www.tenafllynj.org, and the Tenaflly Recreation Spring/Summer Brochure.

CONGRATULATIONS 2013 FIRE POSTER WINNERS: GRADES K-5**KINDERGARTEN:**

Jeon-Seo Lee 1ST PLACE
Anthony Kang 2ND PLACE
Austin Siu 3RD PLACE

**THIRD GRADE:**

Will Donahue 1ST PLACE
Jessica Kim 2ND PLACE
Avery Kahn 3RD PLACE
Rocco Gratale HONORABLE MENTION

FIRST GRADE:

Cailyn Min 1ST PLACE
Luke Kim 2ND PLACE
Chloe Kim 3RD PLACE
Tessa Rinaldi HONORABLE MENTION

FOURTH GRADE:

Ethan Corriel 1ST PLACE
Kara Park 2ND PLACE
Luca Ahn-Cooper 3RD PLACE
Rebecca Wong HONORABLE MENTION

SECOND GRADE:

Maddy Poblete 1ST PLACE
Daniel Cho 2ND PLACE
Chloe Lee 3RD PLACE
Adam Baptiste HONORABLE MENTION

FIFTH GRADE:

Hyewon Park 1ST PLACE
Michelle Dai 2ND PLACE
Deen McNeil 3RD PLACE
Joshua McClane HONORABLE MENTION

TENAFLY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REMINDERS FOR SPRING



Grass – Cut it and Leave it

Remember to save time and money (less fertilizer and less water) with lawn care by simply cutting and leaving it in place on the lawn. In order to maintain your lawn properly, do not cut more than the top third of your lawn so the small clippings will filter down to the soil. Since these clippings will provide a natural fertilizer, your lawn will be healthier. Most lawns grow well when they are mowed to about 2 to 3 inches. The tall grass will shade the soil and cool the grass roots, resulting in a healthier lawn.

Thatch is not a result of grass clippings but is formed from the accumulation of dead roots and stems. The more you fertilize and water your lawn, the faster it grows and the faster thatch accumulates.

So let's practice best turf management, either by ourselves or through our landscaper. Licensed landscapers in Tenafly have received information on this initiative.

Backyard Composting

Composting, nature's recycling, is the decomposition of organic materials such as fruit and vegetable waste, leaves, and twigs. Compost produces needed nutrients for our soil. Based on a study by the U.S. EPA, food scraps are 12.5% of the household waste (total municipal waste is about 5 pounds/person/day).

Instead of sending these organic materials to a landfill, create your own mulch for your lawn and garden. Put your fruit and vegetable scraps, crushed eggshells, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, leaves, and twigs into the compost bin.

More information will be available at the TEC Earth Day Event on April 28th.

TENAFLY GREEN TEAM

Save the day and mark your calendar April 26, 2014

Tenafly will be holding an amazing Earth Day Celebration.

We are in the early planning stages looking for ideas, help and suggestions that would enable us to demonstrate a healthy, sustainable environment.

What, in your experience, could we do to attract people? Who would be willing to have a booth for display of products and/or services? Can we make the learning and understanding of the benefits of better living through adoption of services and companies that specialize in environmental measures? Please help us accomplish this goal and make this Tenafly Earth Day a resounding success.

Please contact: **Bruce Baker 201-567-2930**
 Carole Hodges 203-228-0994

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PLAQUE PROGRAM

Response to the HPC's Historic Plaques, designed to highlight and acknowledge historic homes that make up the unique character of Tenaflly, has been strong and the new signs are well-received. In addition to several homes that are 100 years older or more now having the plaques, a few formally designated Tenaflly land-marked homes have also received signs.

Our town has many beautiful vintage and historic houses that not only create character, but also tell a story of what Tenaflly was like through the generations. Studying the range of these homes enables residents and visitors to see how the town evolved from a quiet Dutch farming village to a city retreat, and finally, to the modern suburban borough we love today.

It is not too late to take part in this special program and order one of the oval signs for your home. The plaques are roughly 7 inches high by 10 inches across. They are cast in bronze with a red oxide finish.

Applications for the Historic Plaque Program are available at Borough Hall. Any questions on the program can be forwarded to the Historic Preservation Commission at that same address. Upon receiving the application, the Historic Preservation Commission will review it to ensure the house qualifies. The criterion set by the commission is a property that is 100 years old, and/or designated in the Master Plan. Ideally, a prospective buyer of a plaque would know roughly when his/her house was built and be able to provide some historical support documentation.

Orders for the bronze plaque must be accompanied by payment of \$225, which includes shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to the "Tenaflly Historic Preservation Trust Fund." Once the application is approved, orders are processed at the end of every quarter and take about 8 weeks to complete. So for example, plaques ordered February or March would be shipped in early June.

- Nick Stefanowicz, HPC Student Liaison

TENAFLY WELCOME! COMMITTEE

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Tenaflly Welcome! Committee, in partnership with the Tenaflly Nature Center, is hosting a Maple Sugaring event for new residents at the Nature Center from 2:00-3:00 PM. Look for your invitation coming in February.

While the Welcome! Committee does its best to identify Tenaflly's newest residents, we don't always get everybody. If you are new to Tenaflly, within a year, and you have not heard from us, we want to hear from you. Please stop by Borough Hall to pick up your welcome packet or visit the new residents section of the www.tenafllynj.org web site. If we don't know you are there, we cannot keep you informed of upcoming new resident events.

The Welcome! Committee is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, but we need your help. If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please contact us through Borough Hall or the web site. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you around town.

WELCOME TO TENAFLY. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

TENAFLY'S GROWING, CHANGING DINING SCENE

Looking for a delectable pastry, some smooth and creamy frozen yogurt or other special treats? How about pristinely fresh grilled fish for dinner, or the comfort of a freshly made gourmet hamburger to celebrate the season with family, friends and business colleagues? Local residents and visiting food fanatics from out of town are finding an exciting mix of longtime favorites and new businesses in Tenafly that are providing some of the area's best food.

"There are lots of great restaurants and specialty food stores to choose from in Tenafly," noted Bob Kutik, president of the Tenafly Business Improvement District (Tenafly BID). Comprised of local business and commercial property owners and Tenafly residents, the BID is a public/private partnership with the Borough of Tenafly dedicated to making the community a great place to live, to work and to visit. "In addition to area favorites like Axia Taverna, Brasserie, Palmer's Crossing at the Clinton Inn and Zana D, in the past year we have seen several new restaurants and other food-related businesses open in Tenafly, with more in the planning and approval stages and that's good news for local diners and the local business community."

Andrew Lampach, editor of Boozy Burbs, an online blog covering the latest in food, drink and nightlife in Bergen County and beyond, has noticed the increased level of action and activity in Tenafly. The site, which includes a mix of new and upcoming bars and restaurants, food and drink events, hot spots for special occasions and more, has reported on everything in Tenafly from Café Savoy's move to more spacious quarters on Jay Street to the grand openings of Korean restaurants Gangnam Tofu House and Sachun House, and the latest player in the ultra-competitive hamburger wars, Blue Star Burger. Zestt opened recently on W. Railroad Avenue near the movie theater serving "your favorites made fresh." Zestt's owner is an experienced restaurateur, known for his previous restaurants the Village Grille and Oasis, and will feature American comfort food with Mediterranean twists.

"At the end of the day, we all have to eat and people are increasingly interested in the foods they eat and being up to date on the local Bergen scene," Lampach noted. "In recent months, new chefs and new menus at Tenafly's existing restaurants have added energy along with a significant number of new restaurants that reflect the hottest dining trends."

Diversity in Tenafly's dining scene is one of its biggest strengths. For casual fare, the Tenafly Classic Diner and Piermont Restaurant provide a wide range of food selections. Max's Italian Grill, Nuvo Pizza, Paulie's Pizza, Tenafly Pizza and TPR Pizzeria Restaurant are popular among the area's many fans of Italian cuisine. Café Angelique has one of the most attractive settings in the area, located in the historic Tenafly train station. Simply Vietnamese is a strong player among Bergen County's many Asian eateries and was named one of Bergen's Best for 2013. The new Tavlin and the Tenafly Kosher Deli offer Kosher cuisine that adds to the many popular choices in town.

Equally important is the growing number of food specialty stores that are adding exciting new flavors to Tenafly's mix of businesses. Local residents love the incredible baked goods at Café Savoy and Millers Bakery. Both Red Mango and Build Your Yogurt have loyal followings. Tenafly Fine Food & Spirits and Wine Ventures provide expert advice and an incredible selection of wine, spirits and gourmet food items.

Other popular Tenafly restaurants and specialty food stores include Chez Cheese, Europe Cafe & Grill, Good Taste Chinese Restaurant, Mr. Wok and Sushi, Tea Garden Restaurant and the new TEX MEX.

"Based on the number of foodies from beyond the borough's borders who follow these businesses and restaurants on Facebook and Twitter, and sites like Urban Spoon and Yelp, we know they are attracting new visitors who are also exposed to the other businesses and services we have to offer in Tenafly," Kutik concluded.

For a complete directory of restaurants and food specialty stores in Tenafly, as well as other local businesses, or information about programs and services provided by the Tenafly BID, visit gotenafly.com. You can also follow news from Tenafly through social media at the BID's Facebook page, [Facebook.com/TenaflyNJ](https://www.facebook.com/TenaflyNJ).

2014 INFLUENZA DISEASE ALERT!

The New Jersey Department of Health has reported that the level of flu illness in the State has been increasing since the start of the New Year. In fact, in the Northeast region of the State, flu levels have reached what the State describes as a “high” level of activity. The strain of flu that has been predominantly seen this flu season disproportionately affects young and middle-aged persons, and can cause severe respiratory illness in this group. Fortunately, this strain has been incorporated into the makeup of this year’s vaccine, so anyone who has already had the vaccination, would be less likely to become ill.



The Tenaflly Board of Health is still able to vaccinate any residents wanting a shot. It is not too late to protect yourself, and all those one may come into contact with. Call HARP (Health Awareness Regional Program) of Hackensack University Medical Center at 551-996-2038 to schedule an appointment.

TENAFLY’S BOROUGH HALL IS OPEN 24-HOURS THANKS TO OUR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The municipal website includes a number of features that permits users to access Minutes from Mayor & Council, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Library Board, Board of Health, Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and Tenaflly Welcome! Committee. Minutes are posted to the website after they have been formally adopted by each respective board, commission or committee. Residents should log onto the website and click on “Government” in the top menu on the Home Page and then select “Meeting Minutes” in the menu on the right-side of the screen.

Payments of traffic tickets may be made online by logging onto the municipal website and clicking on “Municipal Court” under the “Municipal Departments” directory in the menu at the top of the Home Page. A link to New Jersey Municipal Courts Direct site at www.njmcdirect.com is available on the Tenaflly Municipal Court web page.

Another convenient feature is the ability to register for a variety of recreation programs online as well as pay via credit card using our Community Pass feature on the Recreation Department’s web page. Just log onto the Borough’s website and click on “Recreation” under “Departments” in the top Menu on the Home Page.

Residents are encouraged to check out the “How Do I...?” button on the Home Page. This feature provides links to information on obtaining a marriage license, how to access public records, obtain approval for a block party, apply for a skate park badge, and obtain a decal to use the municipal recycling center or obtain a free plastic recycling container. Suggestions for additional links are welcome!

The municipal website is also an easy way to view and download copies of various municipal application forms for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment as well as a host of other municipal forms and applications that are available online at www.tenafllynj.org.

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March 18 – Presentation on Fall Prevention and Balance Class Demo by Palisades Rehabilitation

March 20 – Tai Chi for Arthritis Demonstration Class by Gary Eng, Instructor Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program

April 3 - Watercolor Presentation and Demonstration by George Miller—This step-by-step presentation is appropriate for artists and those who would love to learn to paint. Come see how easy it can be to learn to paint by following simple steps.

April 8 – Vice Presidents in American History with Marty Alboum

April 10 – Spring Luncheon with Elvis Impersonator

April 17 - Classical Music Performance by Sejong Soloists



SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

March 6 – Philadelphia Flower Show

March 17th— St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Brownstone

